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Letter dated 15 June 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to bring to the attention of the Security Council the fact that, pursuant to article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has submitted information on the object launched into space on 7 February 2016. In accordance with my obligations under article III of the Convention, I have registered that information, which has been circulated to Member States in document ST/SG/SER.E/768.

I note that, in its resolution 2270 (2016), the Security Council condemned the launch of 7 February 2016 by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in which ballistic missile technology was used and which was in violation of resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), and 2094 (2013).

I wish to convey to the Security Council my understanding that, as a technical procedure under the above Convention, the act of registration does not confer legality or legitimacy on the launch of 7 February 2016.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) BAN Ki-moon

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